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VERDICT ACQUITTING

Iowa's Governor in the Libel Suit Returned by the Jury.

IN THE JURY ROOM 20 HOURS

The Jury Comes to a Misunderstanding of Instructions but Decides Quickly When Explained to Them

Larrabee Receives Congratulations

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 26.—Governor Larrabee walks the earth tonight a vindicated man. The jury after sitting upon his case for nearly twenty hours, had their vision cleared by new instructions from the court this morning, and after a little more reflection came back and reported "not guilty."

The jury went out at 2:45 yesterday afternoon. They were expected back from hour to hour during the afternoon and evening, but came not. The judge waited until 10:30 and then went home to bed, leaving instructions that if they reached an agreement during the night they could leave a sealed verdict with the bailiff. But that functionary's slumbers were not disturbed as the night wore away. After court had convened this morning no word came from the jury room, Judge Conrad thought it about time to find out whether the jury had forgotten what they went out for; so he sent the bailiff out after them. The twelve autocrats filed in, looking as though they rather enjoyed the greatness thrust upon them.

"Gentlemen, have you agreed upon a verdict?" asked Judge Conrad after Deputy Clerk Jordon had called the roll.

"We have not," answered DeMoss.

"What is the trouble?" inquired the court.

"It appears to be a disagreement in reference to the instructions of the court" replied Mr DeMoss.

"As to what?" "As to the paper marked 'exhibit A.'"

"Yes; as to the effect of that, in regard to its being a privileged document or not."

"Is that the trouble with you all?"

The solid looking foreman bowed his head in assent. The court then asken for a coppy of the instructions furnished the jury. It was handed to him, and Judge Conrad, instructing the baliffs to keep all persons from the jury, and remarking that he might modify the instructions so as to make them clearer, retired to his private room to look them over. while the crowd, somewhat smaller than on previous days. waited expectantly and discussed the pros and cons of the case. After a period of disappearance and reflection, Judge Conrad came back with some more instructions. He dwelt upon the privileged character of the publication or pamphlet known as "Exhibit A." They stated in language unmistakable that the governor had the right to give the public the papers that were on file in his office, affecting a pardon case, as these did. Furthermore, that in order to establish libel under the indictment the prosecution must have shown wilful malice on the part of the governor in circulating the statements alleged for the purpose of provoking Mrs. Turney to wrath or exposing her to public hatred, contempt or ridicule, "and whether," said the court, "you find said statements pertinent, material or not before you convict, you must find that they were maliciously circulated by the defendant in the manner and for the purposes hereinbefore directed."

With this clear understanding of the case it did not take long for the jury to reach a conclusion. At 11 o'clock a sharp knock at the door of the jury room produced silence. The bailiff went to the door and heard the word that there was a verdict, and notified Judge Conrad that the jury had agreed. Judge Conrad sent out for Judge Barcroft, the attorney for the prosecution, and the spectators awaited in breathless silence the result of the trial. The jury, at precisely 11:05, filed into the court room and took their seats.

"Gentlemen of the jury," said the judge, "have you agreed upon a verdict?",

"We have," said Foreman DeMoss, with a sigh of relief.

"Pass it to the clerk," said Judge Conrad.

"Listen to the reading of the verdict," said Deputy Jordan.

"We, the jury, find the defendant, William Larrabee, not guilty."

"Is that your verdict?"

"It is," said the jury.

"So say you all?" inquired the clerk.

The jurors all bowed. Judge Conrad then excused the jurors for the day. There was a clapping of hands, which the court promptly suppressed, and then the crowd filed out of the room. Neither Mrs. Turney nor Mrs. Gillette were present when the verdict was announced. Consequently the dramatic emotional features which some had anticipated were wanting.

The governor was in his office at the state house when the telephone announced his acquittal. He seemed greatly relieved and somewhat surprised, for he rather expected that the jury would hang after it had stayed out so long, but the difficulty with the jury seemed to be as to whether a copy of a privileged communication was also privileged, and could be given to the public the same as the original papers could be. When that point was cleared up a verdict was soon reached.

All the rest of the day the governor was busy receiving congratulations from his friends. He starts for Washington tonight to attend the inauguration, although after the jury had been out a few hours, and a disagreement and a new trial seemed inevitable, he had abandoned his intention of making the trip. Public sentiment is well plea sed with the result of the verdict.

Flower is Dead.

KEARNEY, Neb., Feb. 27.—Considerable excitement prevailed on the streets yesterday about the shooting which took place last evening at Kelley's hotel. The wounded man lay in a stupor all day and died at 5:30 this evening.

J. W. Griffith, who did the shooting. has been in jail all day and refuses to say anything about the matter. He is a clerk in C. E. Hansen's land office, and is a highly respected young man.

A post mortem examination was held last night, and the inquest today.

It has since transpired that the negro was at one time a member of the Olive gang of horse thieves that infested central Nebraska, and was considered a tough character.

Cleveland's Proclamation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The president has issued the following proclomation:

Whereas, public interests require that the senate should be convened at 12 o'clock on the 4th day of March next, to receive such communications as may be made by the executive; now, therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, president of the United States, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires that the senate of the United States convene on the 4th day of March next, at 12 o'clock noon, of which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as members of that body are hereby required to take notice.

A High Figure.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 37.—Suit has been begun in the district court by Miss Minnie Rynold and her sister, Mrs. Frank Hoagland, against the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad for $50,000 damages. These ladies were in a wreck on the Elkhorn road which occurred a short distance east of Fremont on the night of Nov. 4. Their injuries were quite severe, and they have been laid up in consequence of them during the winter. They have employed a York attorney to prosecute their case.

Killed by His Brother.

ALBION, Neb., Feb. 2?.—Fred Spiegel the son of Andrew Spiegel of Oakland precinct, this county, was shot and instantly killed by his younger brother. It seems they were out near the barn with an old musket loaded with buck shot, which they thought was unloaded, and the younger brother, aged ten, pointed it at Fred and pulled the trigger the whole charge taking effect in his left side, killing him instantly. The coroner went out but did not find occasion to hold an inquest, as it was purely accidental.

Windom Gets the Treasury.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 26.—Hon. William Windon, ex-secretary of the treasury, spent tonight in Baltimore as the guest of John S. Gilman. Tonight he was closeted for some hours with Stephen B. Elkins, Henry G. Davis and others. After the conference one of the gentlemen announced to a reporter that Windom had been tendered and had accepted the position of secretary of the treasury in General Harrison's cabinet. He will go to Washington tomorrow morning.

The New Shade.

Aunt (who is entertaining Miss Breezy of Chicago)—That is a beautiful dress you have on, Geraldine, and the shade seems to be quite new.

Miss Breezy (complacently)—Yes; it is a new Chicago shade, called the "pig's snore."—Life.

HOLY INNOCENT HOAXERS.

PRACTICAL JOKES PLAYED ON MEXICAN ALL FOOLS' DAY.

Very Funny Editors, Who Can "Fake" to Their Heart's Content—Bogus Bandits and Make Believe Highwaymen—Pranks Costly and Troublesome.

From his appearance the average Mexican would never be charged with the crime of practical joking. In fact an American would think more than twice before he tampered, jokingly, with the quiet dignity and solemnity, two characteristically intuitive qualities of the Mexican Don, owing to the latter's readiness with the revolver and dexterity with the stiletto.

Yet on occasion the Mexicans, from the little toddling boy to the white haired Don and the dark eyed Senorita to the old wrinkled Senora, are the greatest of all practical jokers. It becomes a sort of mania with them, as it did with their ancestors hundreds of years ago.

Dec. 28, the anniversary of the slaughter of the Holy Innocents, as the babes who were killed by King Herod on the birth of Christ are known, is the day of all others in Mexico. The arrival of Fiesta de los Santos Inocentes is anxiously looked for every year, and when it comes it is observed without stint. The exact origin of this peculiar day as one devoted to practical joking has been lost, so ancient is the custom in Spain.

The fact that it is spoken of as the day of Holy Innocents seems to have inspired the Spaniards with the idea of making innocents or fools of one another and any one else that can possibly be victimized. Ever since this happy thought occurred to some ingenious Spaniard some time in the Fourteenth century the day has been duly recognized.

BOGUS NEWSPAPER SCARES.

The ways of celebrating it are, of course, many and varied. Mexico offers a particularly fertile field in this peculiar pastime, owing to the eruptive tendency of the government and people. A country in which a citizen inquires of his neighbor the first thing each day, "Who is president this morning?" naturally affords an ingenious practical joker abundant material for unlimited pranks.

The newspapers are the leaders in recognizing the day after the popular form. All sorts of bogus stories are artfully written so as to create immense excitement, yet the circumstantial facts are so related that suspicion is seldom aroused. High government officials are generally assassinated (in print) and robberies committed of great magnitude.

On one occasion a gold mine of fabulous wealth and extent was discovered four miles out of the City of Mexico, and the same day two-thirds of the population of the town had forsaken their homes to hunt for the mythical bonanza.

Another favorite mode of paying court to the Holy Innocents is to frighten the population of a small village some miles out from the capital by publishing alarming stories of a threatened raid by bands of bloodthirsty Indians and bandits. Mounted couriers in the employ of the newspapers leave the larger city with abundant supplies of the newspapers, and, dashing at full speed into the doomed town, throw the residents into a panic by reading from the public squares the horrible fate that awaits them. In a few minutes the whole place is in a terrible state of commotion, and in another hour the town is completely deserted. Every one takes to the high road and makes the best time possible to the larger city and safety.

When the hoax is discovered, no matter what the cost to the victims, no trouble ever ensues. They pack up their goods, collect their families and return in high good humor to their homes, thankful that they have them to go to, and promising one another that they will not allow themselves to be fooled next year.

Yet when next year does come and with it the terrible news that yellow fever or some other deadly scourge is raging in the vicinity, threatening to depopulate the whole town by its ravages the people forget the resolutions [illegible] the previous year. Provisions are hastily packed and safety is [illegible] in the nearby hills and mountains [illegible] families [illegible] ten days before [illegible] upon them was dis-

THE BULL FIGHT SELL.

[illegible] at the expense of private individuals are the commonest mode of celebrating the day. It is no uncommon thing for a wealthy old Don walking in a secluded portion of the town to find himself suddenly confronted by two masked marauders, with revolvers in their hands and knives in their belts, who command him to give up his valuables quietly or they will take his life and valuables both. The next day he is greatly surprised when he receives his valuables, accompanied by a cask of wine and a neat little note, stating that he was merely made a temporary sacrifice to King Herod.

On one occasion notices in all the daily papers in the City of Mexico announced that a grand bull fight would occur on the afternoon of Dec. 28, and that, as the admittance to the amphitheatre on this occasion would cost nothing, every one was cautioned to be on hand early.

A Healthy Town.

"Where have you passed your vacation?" asked one clerk of another.

"At the beautiful little village of Z."

"Is it a healthy locality?"

"Healthy! It's so healthy that in order to start their new cemetery they were obliged to assassinate an inhabitant."—America.

A Common Want.

Brown—See here, teamster, I don't want you to bring gravel and clay and bowlders to fill up this lawn with.

Teamster—What th' dickens does yer want, then?

Brown—Oh, nothing, only the earth.—Yankee Blade.

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